

# **Area-Wide Soil Contamination Project Task Force Meeting**

*April 1, 2002*

*9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

Wenatchee School District Office, 235 Sunset Ave.  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Meeting Purpose: Meeting of the Area-wide Soil Contamination Task Force.

The primary focus of the meeting will be educative and to receive feed back on various tasks scheduled to be completed over the next 6 months.

## **Background Information:**

The Washington State Legislature appropriated \$1.2 million to prepare a statewide strategy to address area-wide soil contamination. The main focus for the project will be on areas with low to moderate levels of lead and arsenic that have been developed into residential neighborhoods, schools, daycares and parks. The agencies are examining these issues and concerns and will develop a more effective strategy for responding to widespread arsenic and lead soil contamination.

A central feature of the project is the Area-Wide Soil Contamination Task Force. The role of the task force is to provide a recommendation to the four chartering agencies (Ecology, Agriculture, Health and Office of Community Development) on actions that can be taken to improve the ways in which area-wide soil contamination problems are addressed in Washington State. The task force is expected to complete its work by June 2003. The task force is comprised of 18 members, including representatives of the following stake-holder interest groups: local government; elected officials; agriculture; environment; business/development; financial; education/schools.

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